

tainly *he* could not have made a better choice.¹
He made the Empress Maria Louisa Regent, and
appointed a Council of Regency to assist her.

ⁱ Meneval, who had held the Post of Secretary to Napoleon from the time of Bourrienne's disgrace in 1802, had been nearly killed by the hardships of the Russian campaign, and now received an honorable and responsible but less onerous post. He remained with the Empress till 7th May, 1815, when, finding that she would not return to her husband, he left her to rejoin his master.